

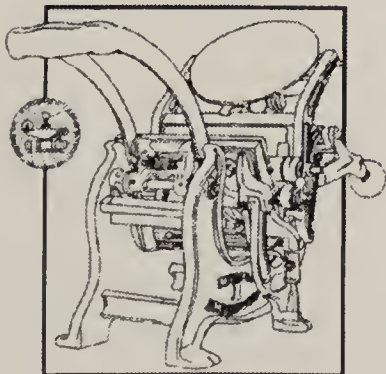
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President's Message

Hello fellow ILNA members,

I hope everyone had a great summer. With the end of summer our I.L.N.A. coin convention has come and gone. The show was held at Park Place of Countryside. This years show was well attended, approximately 1425 people, including dealers. We had a sold out bourse again this year with a waiting list. Without the dealers who purchase tables and early bird badges the show would not be possible, Thank You! I would like to thank my fellow I.L.N.A. board members for all their help in putting on a great show. I would like to say a big Thank You to our bourse chairman Kermit Wasmer and his wife Donna for all of their hard work and dedication putting on the show. Also a special thanks goes out to Jack Huggins for arranging the speakers and exhibitors for the show. I would also like to give Jack a personal thank you for standing in for me on Sunday when I couldn't get away from my table. I would also like to give my personal thanks to all of the board members who showed up early Thursday to help set up the show. This made for a smooth opening.

At this time I would like to mention anyone wishing to run for I.L.N.A. board please contact me. Elections, if needed, are held in late summer.

Anyone wishing to apply for ANA Summer Seminar scholarship, for 2006, please send inquires to my attention, applications should be turned in by late Feb. early March. If you have not been to summer conference it's a great experience. For more information on this and other I.L.N.A. programs, coin shows, local clubs and more please visit our web site at www.ilna.org.

A special thank you to Krause Publications and Joel Edler for their generous donation to our Youth Program.

The next I.L.N.A. meeting will be held at the Champaign coin show, November 6th, hope to see you there. If you have any questions or inquiries I can be emailed at acecoins3319@aol.com or phone at 309-797-5066.

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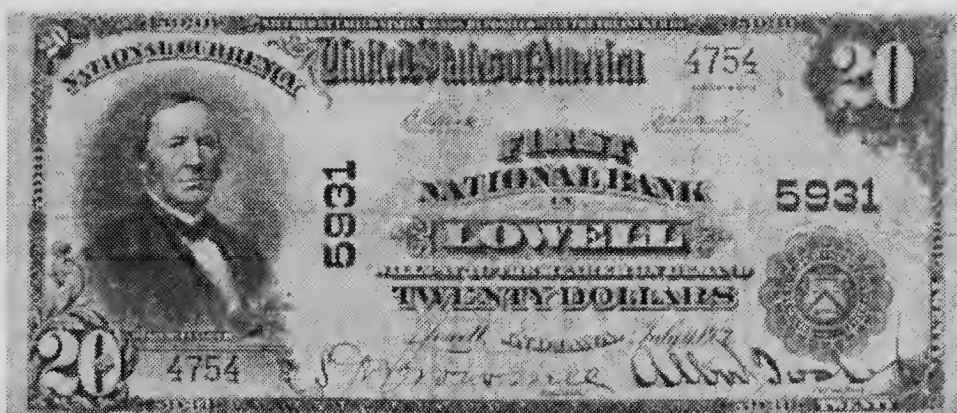
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Making Sense by John D. Wright

The following events all occurred in the same year. How soon can you identify the year?

A new opera for this year is Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka's "A Life for the Czar". This will open the opera season at both Moscow and St. Petersburg every year from now until the 1917 Russian Revolution ends czarist Russia.

Although Napoleon is long gone, the Arc de Triomphe is completed this year in Paris. This is the largest triumphal arch in the world and celebrates the quarter-century of victories by Napoleon from 1790 to 1814. The "triumphal arch" tradition was begun by the Caesars of the Roman Empire.

Natal, Transvaal, and the Orange Free State are founded by Boer (Dutch) farmers who continue the Great Trek, which began last year in South Africa. The Boers have lost all faith in British rule, which has freed Boer slaves with minimal compensation and has restored Native lands bought with Boer blood.

Interesting books published this year include "Evidence from the Scriptures and History of the Second Coming of Christ about the Year 1843" by William Miller, and "The Book of Wealth: In which it is Proved from the Bible that It is the Duty of Every Man to Become Rich" by Thomas Hunt. The former will lead to the founding of the Seventh Day Adventist Church after 1843 comes and goes without the predicted advent.

A Massachusetts physician publishes "Fruits of Philosophy", a pamphlet advocating contraception. He is prosecuted and imprisoned for three months for this.

The New York Women's Anti-Slavery Society bans blacks from membership.

New newspapers this year include the "Toledo Blade" and the "Philadelphia Public Ledger".

McGuffey's First and Second Readers are published this year. Within fifteen years the series will grow to six. These will enjoy a continuous publication of almost a hundred years, educating Americans in the virtues of frugality, industry, and sobriety.

This year the British Parliament passes the "Locomotive Act", which limits the speed of all trains to five miles per hour and requires that any moving steam engine must be preceded by a person walking with a red flag.

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Making Sense *(Cont.)*

The Long Island Railroad begins operations this year. The US railroad laws are not as severe as those in Britain.

This year the “Astor House” opens in New York City. This new luxury hotel raises the bar set by Boston’s “Tremont House” several years ago.

Delmonico’s Restaurant in New York City prints the first American menu. Its most expensive entrée of choice is “Hamburg Steak”.

Arkansas is admitted to the Union as the 25th state, a slave state.

Six of every eight gainfully employed Americans are engaged in agriculture, down from seven of eight just sixteen years ago.

Seminole Indians in Florida massacre a 103-man US Army force led by Major Francis L Dade. For his ineptness (or for his misfortune), the most populous Florida county will eventually be named “Dade County”.

The Jackson White House years end, as Jackson’s VP, Martin Van Buren is elected as President. Jackson’s policies will continue as the nation plunges into a major recession. Van Buren is known as the Democratic Party’s “Little Magician” for his many successful political deals. The best-remembered political slogan from this campaign is from one of the Whig losers – “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too”.

California declares its independence from Mexico. A single cannon shot is fired at the house of the Mexican Governor in Monterrey, who surrenders and returns to Mexico in disgrace.

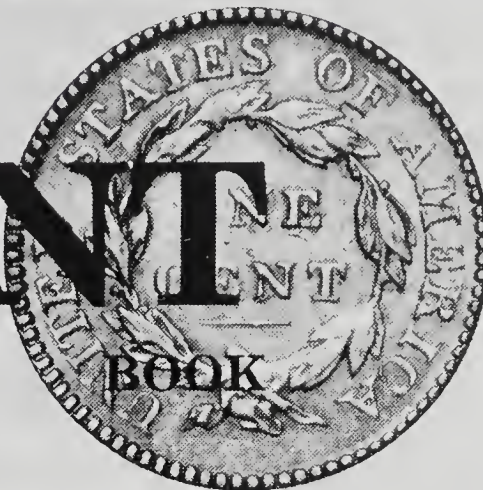
The Alamo de San Antonio is besieged and is overrun. President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna with 4,000 Mexican regulars overwhelms the 187-man garrison after an eleven-day siege. The Mexicans have lost 1600 men in the eleven-day battle. “Texican” casualties include William Travis, James Bowie, and David Crockett. Three weeks later Santa Anna captures three hundred Texans at Goliad and executes all of them. Another three weeks and Sam Houston’s troops defeat and capture Santa Anna. The terms for his release include surrender of all of his armies and acknowledgment of the independence of Texas from Mexico. The Republic of Texas is formed with Sam Houston as its first President. The new Republic requests to be annexed to the United States, but the US declines this request.

If “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too” did not scream “1836” to you, I am sure that “Remember the Alamo” did. (Or was that “Remember the Maine”, ... or “Remember Pearl Harbor”, ... or maybe “Remember your Mom on Mothers’ Day”.)

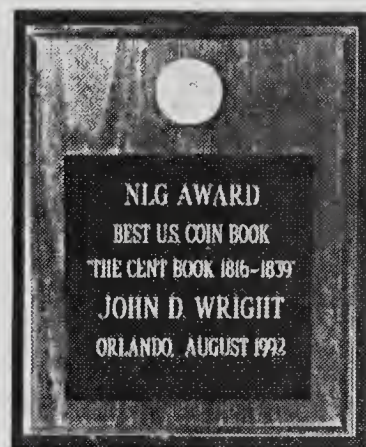
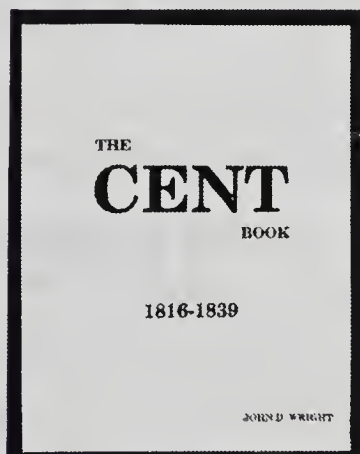
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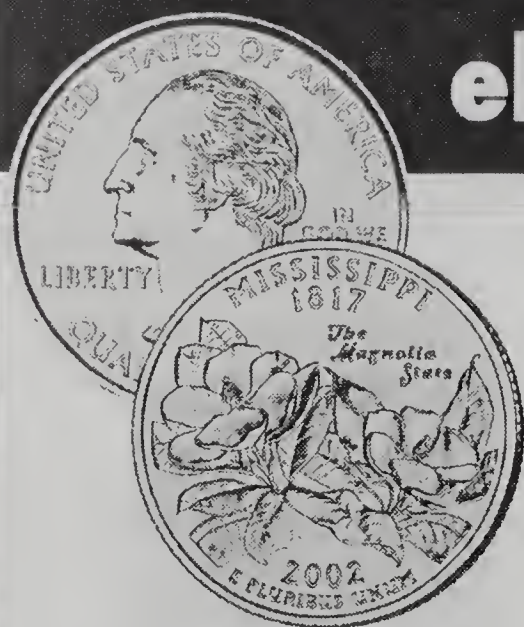
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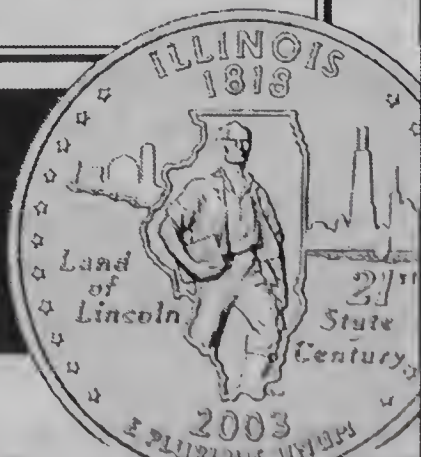
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Where is “Bug’s”?

By Frank M. Zapushek (Mr. Z)

I have been asked many questions about the 1955 P Franklin half dollar lately. One collector tries to collect a Bug’s Bunny for each year the Franklin half dollar was minted. He wants to know if they are all Bug’s Bunny?

Several collectors have asked what happened to Bug’s Bunny, they do not see them advertising any more.

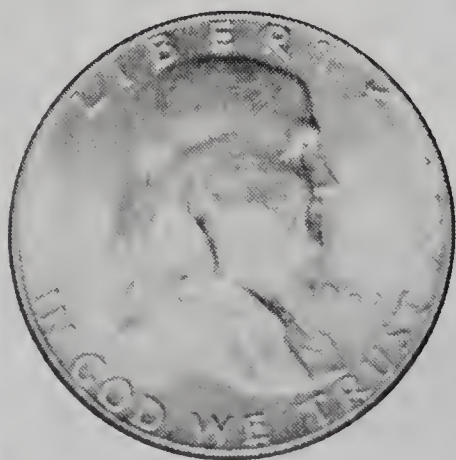
Let’s examine how a researcher determines what could have caused the resulting Bug’s Bunny.

With the age of computers and professional graphic programs, we can make overlays of coins to determine what would be the result of a die clash. First let’s take an obverse image of the 1955 P Franklin and then the reverse image of the same coin.

First we must take photographs of a 1955 P “Bug’s Bunny”, both the obverse and the reverse. The macro photographs must be taken with the same lens, with the same focal setting. This will give you two images that are the same size.

Then we scan the photographs into the computer. We must check to make sure the images or both correctly positioned. Now it starts getting a little tricky. The obverse must show the top of the head pointing north. But the top of the bell on the reverse must be pointing south. Remember that the reverse of a coin is rotated at a 180 turn from the obverse.

We are not done yet, because as you look down on the reverse die, the image is also flipped. Because when the die strikes the planchet, it makes the correct reverse. So now we must horizontally flip the reverse image. What we have is shown below.



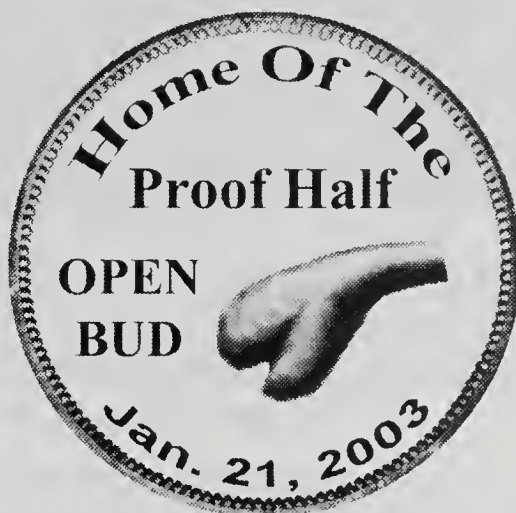
Now we can start our little experiment. We must copy the obverse image and paste it on top of the reverse image.

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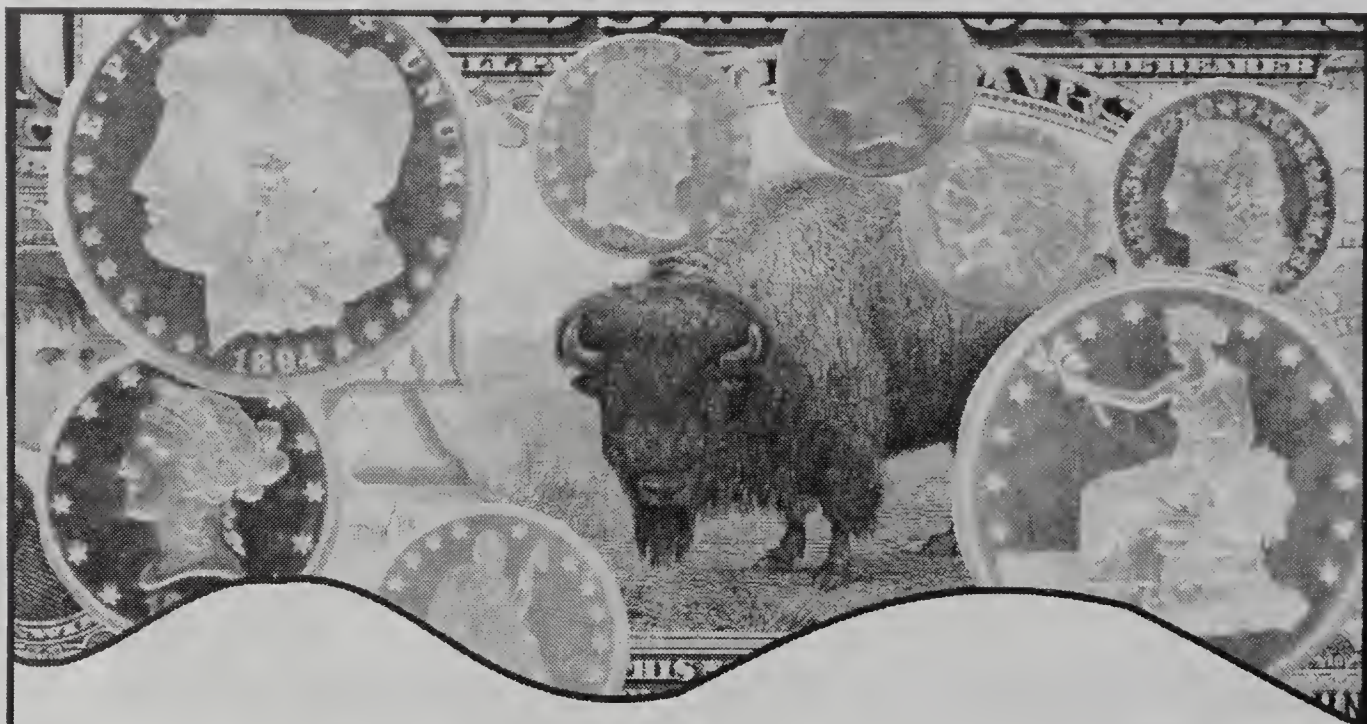
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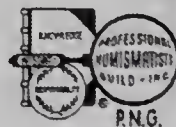
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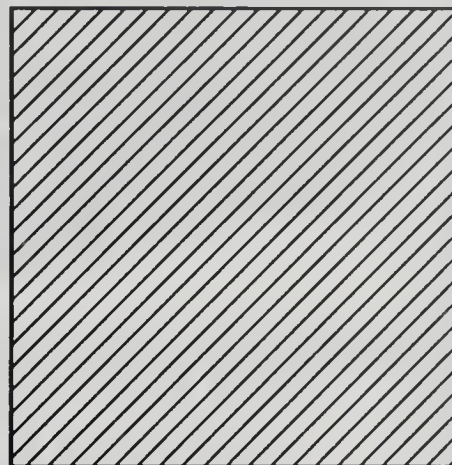


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Joel Edler presented ILNA President Don Keopple with a check from Krause in the amount of \$200 for ILNA's Youth Fund.

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As editor of the Digest, I must admit that none of the photographs I took at the ILNA show were usable. Unfortunately the pictures taken by another ILNA member were not usable. For this, we owe Krause and our membership an apology.

Thanks to Rollie Finner for providing the photographs used in this edition of the Digest.

ILNA FALL SHOW

The attendance at the Fall Coin Show and Convention was 1,425. Sales on Thursday between dealers and early birds was brisk. The attendance on Friday, Saturday and Sunday was steady.

During the show, the dealers were polled about leaving the ILNA Fall Coin Show and Convention a 4 day show or changing to a Thursday, Friday and Saturday Show. When the voting was over, the majority of the dealers wanted to keep the ILNA Fall Show a 4 day show.

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Minutes Summer Board Meeting Rosemont, IL. Sunday, June 26, 2005

The Summer 2005 Board Meeting of the Illinois Numismatic Association was called to order at 12:00PM with following officers: President – Donald Keopple II, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Jack Huggins Jr. – Chairman of the Board. Board Members – William Burd, Steve Butler, Donna Doran, Richard Prouty, Andrew Reiber, David Spring, Donna Wasmer, and Kermit Wasmer. Frank Zapushek and Garry Garrison each has an excused absence.

Secretary's Report –

Secretary Michael Doran read the minutes of the Spring Meeting of March 6, 2005. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Huggins, passed. Also, Doran reported that ILNA membership numbers remained steady despite removing some members from the rolls due to non-payment of dues.

Treasurer's Report –

Treasurer Kevin Wasmer read the Treasurer's Report informing the Board that monies from bourse tables for the Fall show is giving the treasury a positive outlook. After discussion, a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made – 1st by Huggins, 2nd by Doran, passed. Also discussed is a proposal to increase the amount of funds in the ILNA CD's with the intent use the interest from the CD's towards the general fund. A motion to made - 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Burd, passed.

Editor's Report –

Due to the absence of Zapushek, there is no Editor's Report.

Old Business –

2005 Fall Show – Kermit Wasmer noted that the bourse is completely sold out. Also, a proposal from Donna Wasmer was submitted which states that no board members or officers who are dealers are allowed to set up at the show until 2:00pm on set up day. After discussion, a motion was made – 1st by Donna Wasmer, 2nd by Kermit Wasmer, passed.

Board Member Elections – Keopple noted that since all 5 board seats on the Board of Governors are uncontested, that those seats will be filled by the incumbent Board Members (William Burd, Steve Butler, Donna Doran, Garry Garrison, and Donna Wasmer).

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Minutes Summer Board (Cont.)

Board Member Attendance – Donna Wasmer proposed, and amended by Burd, a clarification to the ILNA Constitution in regards to board member attendance. Proposed is that a board member be required to attend at least two board meetings a year with no unexcused absences. It was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion. Also, it was proposed by Donna Wasmer that a committee be formed to look into the aforementioned matter. A motion was made – 1st by Donna Wasmer, 2nd by Reiber, passed.

New Business –

Keopple noted that the Fall ILNA meeting will be on November 6, 2005 at the Champaign-Urbana Coin Club Show in Urbana, IL.

2006 Fall Show – After much discussion, it was noted that a survey will be given to dealers at the 2005 Fall Show as to whether future shows be scheduled for 4 days (Thursday set up for dealers, Friday-Sunday for the general public) as it is currently done or for 3 days (Thursday set up, Friday & Saturday for the public) as some board members are suggesting. Results of the survey will be given at the next board meeting at Urbana.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 1st by Reiber, 2nd by Burd, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:16PM.

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Making Sense (Cont.)

Eighteen Thirty Six was the year the US mint produced its first coins made by a press operated by steam power. Dies for a commemorative medal were prepared and medals were struck for this occasion. In 2000 this original press was located, purchased, and refurbished by Joe Rust of Gallery Mint Museum. Ron Landis of GMM cut dies imitating the 1836 medal, and the GMM reproductions of the 1836 Steam Press Medal were struck at the 2000 convention of the American Numismatic Association in Philadelphia. The press was then donated to the ANA.

In 1836 the US mint struck nine denominations of coins – everything from half cents to half eagles. Only three of these are worthy of individual discussion.

During this year the design on the half dollar was replaced with a more refined head, and the lettered edge was replaced with a reeded edge which has remained in use ever since. Though there were over 5.5 million of the old-style 1836 half dollars struck, there were only 1,200 of the new reeded-edge 1836 halves. This is a rare and quite popular coin.

The 1836 half cent is a true curiosity. They are known only in Proof, a single obverse with two wildly different reverses, struck in at least three different settings. These are known as the “original”, the “first restrike” (same dies, different treatment), and the “second restrike” (different reverse, first introduced in 1840). Only about 50 examples are known, most of them being those called “original”. Mint records of 1836 do not mention any Proof half cents, but since one example resides in the Mint Cabinet (now in Smithsonian), it is fully credible that the “original” 1836 half cents are exactly that. The anomalous “second restrike”, with its undersized reverse die that is ill-matched to its obverse, is known by only five examples.

But the real star of US coinage for 1836 is the new silver dollar. Christian Gobrecht has created a new “Liberty Seated” design for the obverse of the dollar. This design will extend within the next three years to ALL silver denominations, and is based on the familiar “Britannia” reverse on British coins, which in turn harks back to the “Roma” reverse on some first-century Roman coins and to the “Seated Zeus” on some Greek coins of 400 years before that. For the first time the congressionally-mandated eagle on the reverse of the dollar is shown in full flight amid a field of 26 stars. The edge is plain – unlettered and unreeded. One thousand pieces are struck in December, and another six hundred in March of 1837 from these same 1836 dies. This is the first new silver dollar since 1803. Several “pattern” variations of these are known in Proof – some dated 1838 or 1839 with the eagle in a starless field and a ring of 13 stars added to the obverse (as on the dollars of 1840 and beyond). Most, if not all of these “Proof patterns” were created years (or decades) later to satisfy the desires of well-heeled collectors. Though Gobrecht dollars are extremely popular and expensive, worn

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Making Sense (Cont.)

examples from the first 1,600 originals DO exist and provide an opportunity to own a rare, beautiful, and historically significant older US coin of impressive heft without mortgaging the house.

The wrapup for 1836 will be the US large cents, an anticlimax at best, but still rather fascinating. Seven die varieties are known from six obverse and six reverse dies (six die-pairs plus one mule). None of them are rare. The head on one obverse is evidently hand-finished, as the top of the hair on that die is wavy, different from any other 1835-1837 cent head. Two 1836 cent varieties come with an obverse cud – one at 11 o'clock (N3), and one at 1 o'clock (N6, with wavy hair). Though fascinating, both of these die states are also common.

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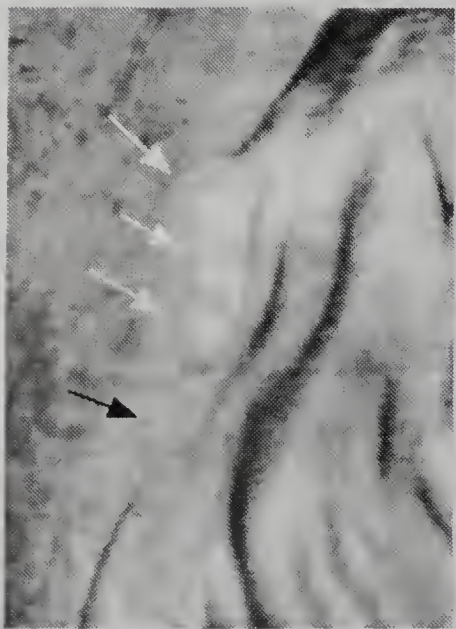
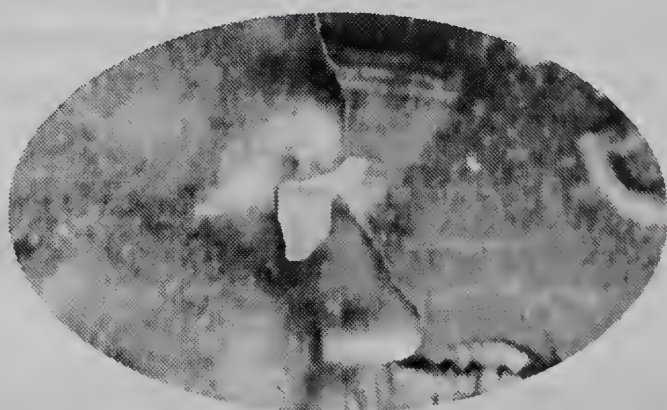
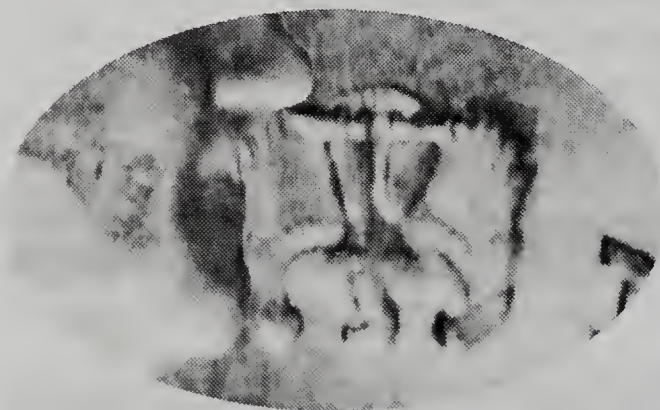
Bug's (Cont.)

Once the obverse image is pasted on top of the reverse image, we reduce the opaque value of the obverse to about 50%. This makes the reverse image show through the obverse image. What we have in effect is a die clash on our screen.



Now we are ready to examine what would be the effect of a die clash. First we check Franklin's upper lip. Then we check out the over polished area in front of the eye. Now we check other areas that might still show signs of a die clash.

Below are enlargements of the lip and the eye area from the overlay.



The enlargement on the left shows that the feather ribs at the end of the wing line up exactly with the teeth on the upper lip. The enlargement on the right shows the bell lines across the eye area. There is heavy polishing in the area around the eye. Most likely to remove traces of the bell.

While checking the coin over, I noticed another sign of a die clash that is not talked about. The back of the head. To be more precise, the third curl up from the bottom of the hair. The three white arrows show the vertical bar of the "B" in "PLURIBUS".

The black arrow shows the die polishing to remove the "E" above "PLURIBUS".

The wing feathers match the teeth, the bell lines match the area of the eye, the "B" lines up with the extra metal in the hair, and the "E" matches the polished area that removed the hair detail.

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Bug's (Cont.)

Any Franklin with the same die clash could be called a "Bug's Bunny", but only the 1955 P is known nationally as the "Bug's Bunny". The name was used to promote the sale of this variety, but the name was permanent. The name was accepted by collectors.

As for what has happened to the famous coin, it is very easy. Few are being sold, but no quantity is available to promote. As more collectors come into the hobby, the demand for Bug's increases. Since few are available, the price will go down.....yeah, and I have some good farm land in New Orleans for sale. Expect to pay a little more to own the famous "Bug's Bunny".

A more detailed version of this article may be found on our web page.
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QUANTICO, VIRGINIA – History was made today at United States Marine Corps Base Quantico. The United States honored a branch of the military for the first time with a commemorative coin, the Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar. The image on the front of the coin features a rendition of Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's historic photograph depicting the raising of an American Flag by the United States **Marines** at Iwo Jima.

Near today's ceremony, the 210-foot tilted mast of the new National Museum of the Marine Corps soared into the sky, also evoking the image of the flag-raising. Surcharges from the sale of each commemorative coin are authorized to benefit the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, helping to construct the museum.

"**Marines** fight our wars and guard our embassies. When any part of the world erupts in chaos, we 'send in the **Marines**.' We ask them and expect them to do the hardest thing of all, to give their lives for us," said United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore. "Today, the United States Mint launches this commemorative coin in honor of the United States Marine Corps's leadership in war and peace."

Thousands watched at a festive ceremony, as Director Fore and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, presented two shiny new silver dollars to Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Ron Christmas, President of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Director Fore struck one of the two silver dollars herself at a ceremony in May at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Quantico Marine Band performed on the lawn of Lejeune Hall, and visitors were treated to a firsthand look at the latest Marine Corps technology.

Following the ceremony, United States Marine Corps Base Quantico became the first place in the Nation where the public had the opportunity to purchase in person both proof and uncirculated Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollars. The silver dollars also were available online, by telephone and by mail, from the United States Mint, starting at noon.

Designed by United States Mint sculptor-engraver Norman E. Nemeth, the obverse of the Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar mirrors Rosenthal's photograph taken on February 23, 1945, which is believed to be the most reproduced image in the history of photography.

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Marine Corps (Cont)

The reverse, by United States Mint sculptor-engraver Charles L. Vickers, features an engraving of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, the official emblem of the United States Marine Corps. This emblem has remained virtually unchanged since 1868, when United States Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, approved the design as recommended by Brigadier General Commandant Jacob Zeilin.

Two hundred thirty years ago, following skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, delegates to the Second Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia and, on November 10, 1775, ordered the raising of two Marine battalions to serve as a landing force for the growing colonial fleet. It was the first link in an unbroken chain of distinguished, heroic service that runs the full length of United States history. Philadelphia is the birthplace of both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Mint.

Authorized by Public Law 108-291, dated August 6, 2004, to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, both proof and uncirculated versions of the silver dollar will be minted at the United States Mint at Philadelphia and carry the "P" mint mark.

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized a maximum mintage of 600,000 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollars, as a proof silver dollar and as an uncirculated silver dollar coin.

The coin also is part of two special sets, which are available for purchase today as well. The 2005 United States Mint American Legacy Collection™, reminiscent of the Prestige Set previously offered by the United States Mint, will offer the Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Proof Silver Dollar and the Chief Justice John Marshall Proof Silver Dollar, released earlier this year, along with proof versions of all 2005-dated circulating coins. Also offered is a Marine Corps Coin & Stamp Set containing a Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Uncirculated Silver Dollar and an original un-canceled (known as mint condition) 1945 three-cent Iwo Jima stamp.

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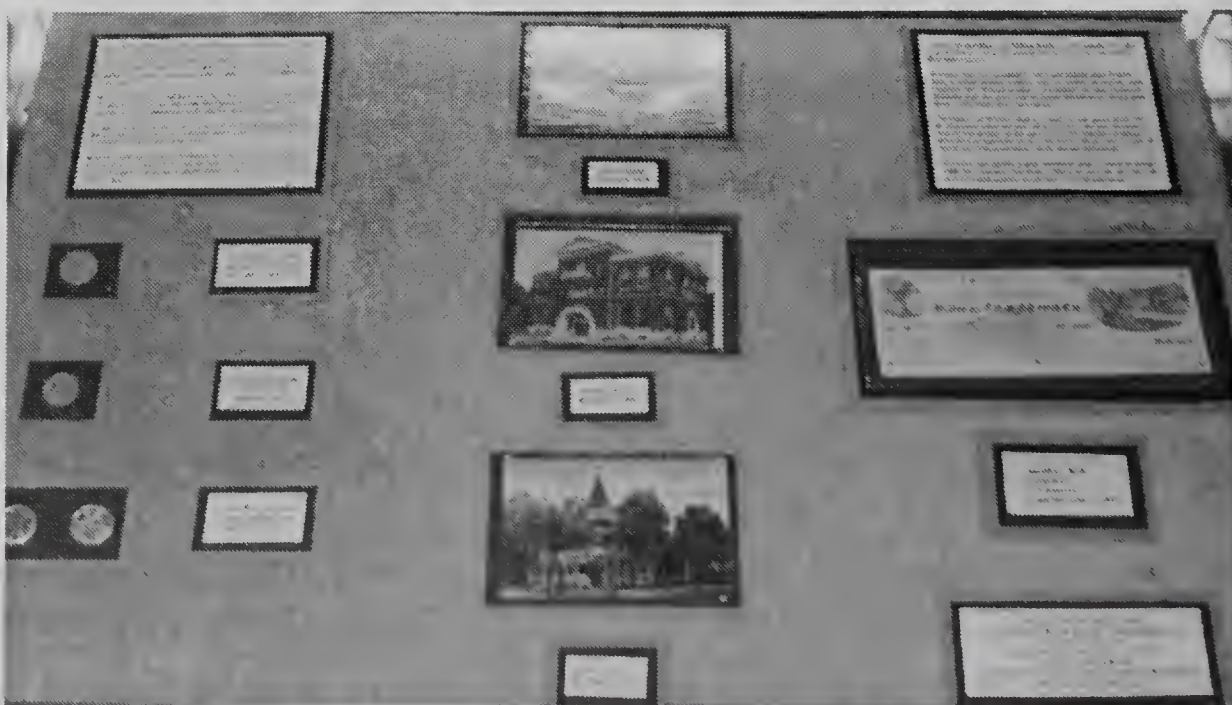
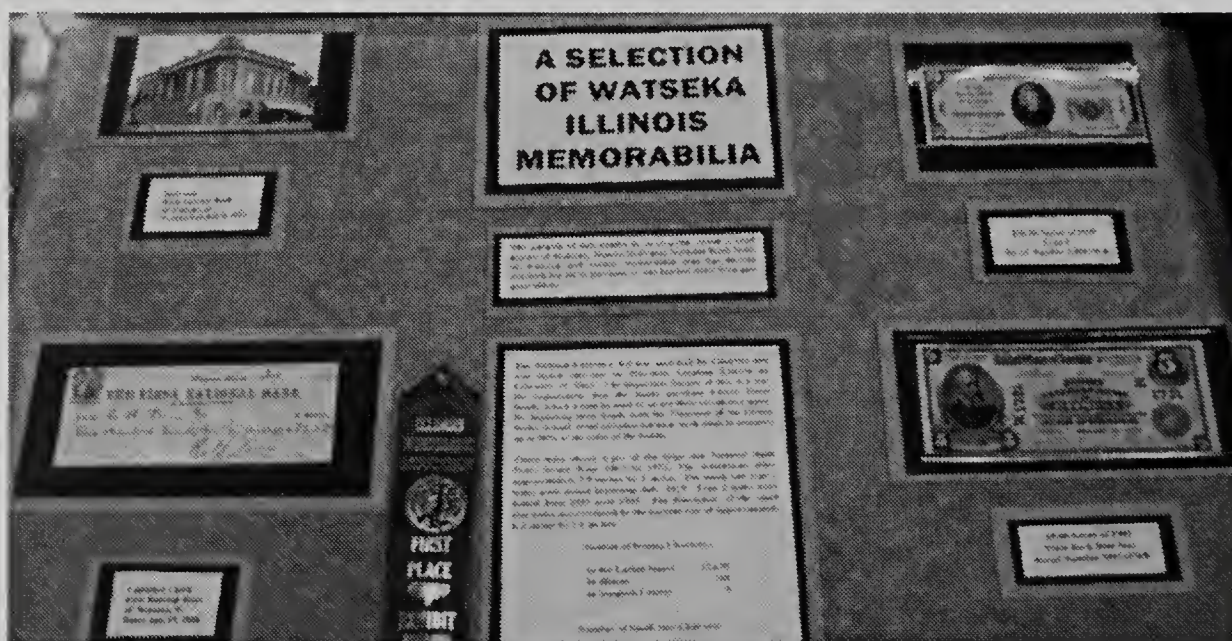
Over-view of the crowded bourse floor (as seen from the stage).



The YN Auction had a larger attendance than normal.



Exhibit winners were (left to right): Mike Dennany who took both best-of-show and second place honors; Donna Wasmer, first place winner; Rollie Finner, third place. The three of us posed with the exhibit chairman, Jack Huggins.



Secretary's Message

By Michael B. Doran

As I am typing this Secretary's Message, the 2005 Fall Show and Convention has just concluded. As in past years, lots of familiar faces at the bourse tables but also some new ones, with plenty of quality material to suit most collector's budgets. This year's YN Auction was the most successful to date, with those participating coming home with lots of neat numismatic items.



Also, the ILNA History Project is still going on, and we are looking for historical items from ILNA's past. Ribbons, medals, photos – anything pertaining to ILNA is needed. As in past editions of the Digest, if you have an item you wish to donate or a story about an ILNA event from years back, please contact me or Donald Keopple II.

Since the last Digest, ILNA has gained some new members, and I would like to welcome these new regular members into ILNA: Glen DeCosta, Michael Dennany, LouAnn Stachnik, Fred DeLeon Sr., John Zitt, Ken Filloff, and Jim Purrazzo. Also, I would like to welcome two new junior members into ILNA: Brent Josserand, Mikey Dennany & Fred Thompson.

I am encouraging each and every member of ILNA to sign up at least one person into our organization. If we can grow, then it will demonstrate the growth of the hobby in our state. If you know someone who would like to join, an application is located in the ILNA Digest or online at www.ilnaclub.org, click on the "Join" link. And if there is any membership questions, you can contact me either by "snail" mail at: **ILNA, c/o Michael Doran, P.O. Box 30, Greenup, IL 62428-0030**, e-mail at secretary@ilnaclub.org, or regular phone at **(217) 663-0276**. Either way, I will respond to any questions as quickly as possible.

On behalf of President Donald Keopple II and the Officers and Board Members of the Illinois Numismatic Association, I would like to thank everyone for their support in promoting the numismatic hobby in our state.

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November 13, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

November 13, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 60 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Patrick Devine, Show Chairman 217 787-3241

November 20, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 12 Holiday Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* \$35, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

November 27, (Sun.) Mattoon Coin Club's 61th Coin Show, Mattoon, IL, *Location:* Burgess-Osborne Building (Corner of Lakeland Blvd (Rt 45) and Wabash Ave), 1701 Wabash, Mattoon, 9 AM to 3 + PM, *Admission Fee* \$.50, *Contact:* Bob Ohm, Box 143 Mattoon, IL 61938, Phone 217 234-2585

December 11, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

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January 29, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 97th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 50 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 Phone: 815 547-6382

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2006 Coin Shows

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March 12, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL. Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL, 9 AM to 3 PM, Tables: 60, Admission: Free, Contact: Kevin Wasmer Phone: 630 969-8547, email: kwasmer@comcast.net

March 19, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 8th Spring Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Convention (Expo) Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Table Fee:* \$40, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

March 26, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Coin Show, Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 60 *Table Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Patrick Devine, Show Chairman 217 787-3241

April 2, (Sun) Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club, 42nd Gillespie Area Coin Show

April 2, (Sun) Quad City Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show

April 9, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL

May 14, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL

June 11, (Sun) West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Countryside, IL

June 18, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society Coin Show East Peoria, IL.

July 23, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Coin Show, Springfield

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